

TORONTO AND GODERICH RAILWAY.

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With power to add to their Number.

The above Gentlemen being desirous of having a Railroad constructed by as direct and practicable a line as is possible between Toronto and Goderich, upon the plan suggested by Mr. Gwynne, in his letter published in *The Globe* of the 9th December last, have themselves subscribed, and have procured Subscriptions from others, for the purpose of making a survey of the route, and for other preliminary proceedings.

The Committee confidently recommends this project to the public, satisfied as it is, that no reasonable objection can be suggested to the proposed plan, and that success must inevitably ensue, if cordially supported by that portion of the country most directly interested therein.

The amount already subscribed has justified the Committee in employing, and it has accordingly employed, competent Engineers to proceed immediately upon the Survey of the Route from Goderich to Fergus, through the waste lands of the Crown.

Accurate information as to the nature of the Country through these waste and unsurveyed lands is the more important, inasmuch as the allegation of the existence of very serious obstacles to the construction of a Railway through them, appears to be the only objection which has been, or can reasonably be, suggested against the proposed scheme. The Committee, however, from the information it already possesses, is satisfied, that upon the survey being made, it will appear that there is no foundation in fact for such an allegation.

It is the intention of the Committee to proceed with the Survey to Toronto, either in the direct line, or by a line passing through Guelph, in such a course as may be found to be most advantageous and beneficial to the country.

The completion of such an undertaking, upon the plan suggested, would, in the opinion of the Committee, be attended with consequences of inestimable benefit to the City of Toronto, as well as to the Province at large, because,—

~~Firstly—The proposed line presents the shortest possible route from Toronto to the shores of Lake Huron.~~

Secondly—It is in direct continuation of the proposed communication by Steamers with Oswego to the East, and by the establishment of a line of Steamers from Goderich to Lake Michigan, to the West, the shortest, cheapest, and most expeditious route between New York and Lake Michigan will be established.

Thirdly—The facilities for communication between the Atlantic and the Western States of America which this line would present, the very great saving in time and distance which would be effected, cannot fail to secure to this route the transit of the greater proportion of the Emigrants annually proceeding to these States, and would attract to Lake Ontario and to this line a great part

of the trade, now passing to Buffalo through that part of the Erie Canal lying to the Westward of Syracuse.

Fourthly—In the event of goods being permitted to pass from one State to another through Canada, in bond, this line would attract a very great proportion of the traffic of goods and merchandize proceeding to and from Lake Michigan.

Fifthly—It would secure to Canada a very large proportion, if not the whole, of the trade which is annually being extended upon Lake Superior; and,

Lastly—In the opportunities which this line presents for bringing into cultivation upwards of 3,000,000 acres of waste lands, which, without such a communication, would not in all probability be opened within the next half-century, and in the facilities for the adoption of a comprehensive scheme of Emigration here presented, by opening to settlement the adjacent Crown Lands, this line possesses features which no other proposed line in Western Canada does, and which eminently entitle it to the character of a great Provincial undertaking, and to the favor and support of the entire public.

The Committee therefore solicits the cordial and liberal contributions of the public, for the purpose of procuring the survey to be efficiently completed, and of taking all necessary preliminary proceedings calculated to ensure the success of the undertaking.

The Committee pledges itself that the funds placed at its disposal shall be applied in the most economical manner, and only for the purpose of completing the survey, and taking the necessary preliminary proceedings.

All persons desirous of securing to themselves the privilege of becoming original Shareholders, in the event of the route being found practicable, may do so, by the contribution of any sum not less than £1 5s.; but this advantage shall not be extended to any one subscribing a less sum, nor to any person who shall not at the time of his subscribing signify to the Committee his wish to have this privilege secured to him; and the interest which any such subscriber shall have, shall be hereafter determined at a general meeting to be called of such subscribers, in proportion to the amount subscribed by each; which meeting shall be called as soon as the Committee shall be of opinion that the matter is advanced to a sufficiently matured stage. All other subscriptions will be taken as gratuitous contributions, and as such acknowledged.

The Committee will account in the public newspapers for every item of receipts and expenditure.

Subscriptions will be received by any member of the Committee; and persons will hereafter be appointed to collect throughout the City, and in the country interested in the construction of the proposed Road.

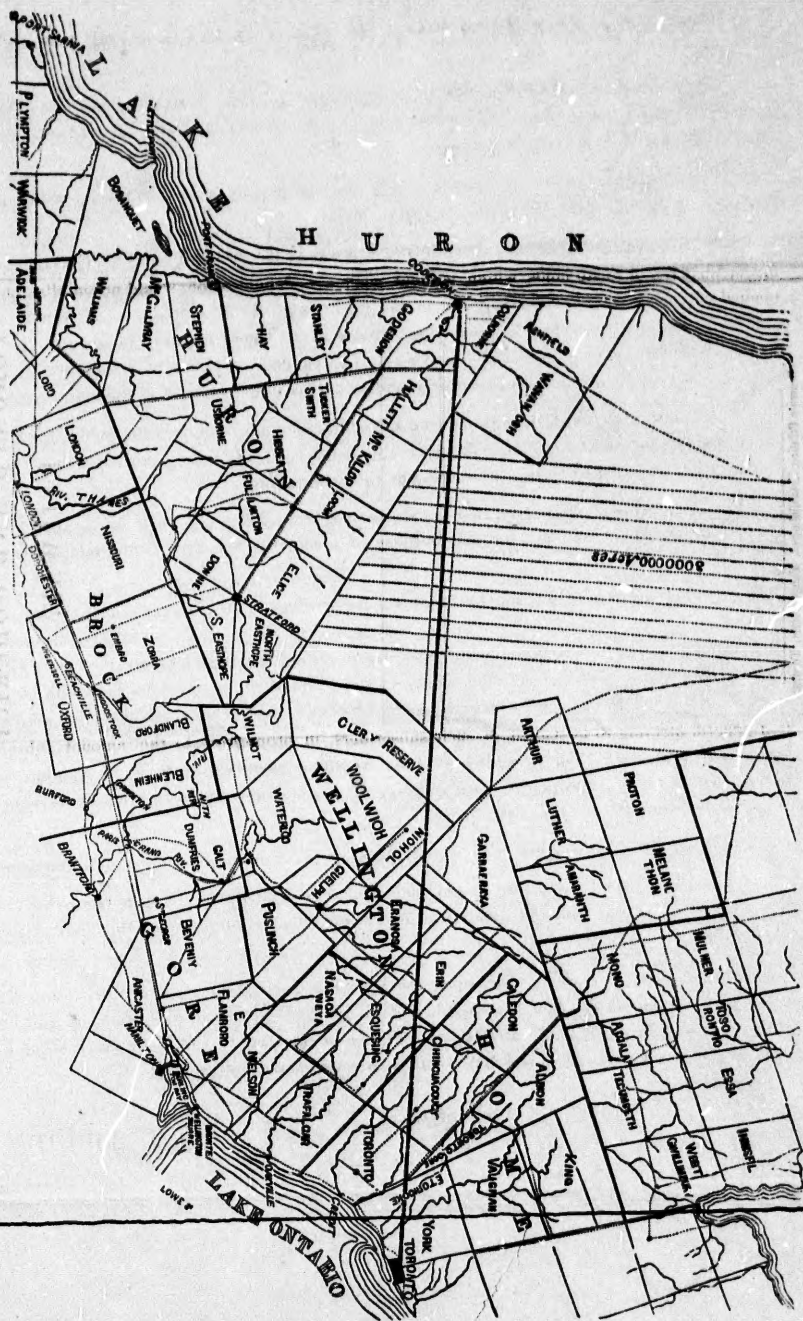
The Committee confidently relies upon the liberal and enlightened public for its assistance and co-operation, in procuring the accomplishment of a work pregnant with so many and so great advantages; and to accomplish which, the Committee is resolved to use every exertion, and not to relax its efforts so long as its proceedings meet with countenance and support.

H. J. BOULTON,

Chairman.

Adopted.

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